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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUANDA 637

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINR PGOV AO

SUBJECT: ANGOLA JUNTA PRESIDENT ROSA COUTINHO

1. INCREASING NUMBER OF LOCAL CONTACTS INCLUDING SOME HERETOFORE CONSIDERED MODERATE, RELIABLE, AND NOT COMPROMISED BY PAST ASSOCIATION WITH SALAZAR OR CAETANO REGIMES INSIST ANGOLA'S NEW JUNTA PRESIDENT (ADM) ROSA COUTINHO IS "COMMUNIST." HE IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF PCP IN HIS YOUTH, AND TO HAVE SUCCEEDED IN HIDING HIS TRUE POLITICAL LEANINGS DURING HIS DISTINGUISHED NAVAL CAREER.

2. WE HAVE NO WAY OF JUDGING THESE ASSERTIONS, YET, BUT ON THE BASIS OF WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT THREE OF HIS CLOSEST ASSOCIATES (NOW MEMBERS OF JUNTA) WE ARE INCLINED TO DOUBT THAT HE IS ANYTHING OTHER THAN VERY LIBERAL AND DETERMINED TO DISENGAGE PORTUGAL FROM ANGOLA. (IN OUR ONE BRIEF MEETING WITH HIM JULY 29 DURING COURTESY CALL BY DEPARTING CONGEN BRIGGS WITH FSO PORTER, HE DECLINED TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE OTHER THAN TO ADMIT SOME CONCERN RE CONTROLLING EXTREMIST RIGHTWING ELEMENTS WHO COULD CAUSE TROUBLES HERE.)

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ROSA COUTINHO LISBON (EMBASSY, ALUSNA) OR WASHINGTON AGENCIES MAY HAVE. BRIGGS

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